

REMARKS

Claims 1-176 are currently pending in the application. The Examiner has required an election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 of one of the following two species:

Species A: Fig. 1 and Fig. 3; and

Species B: Fig. 2 and Fig. 4.

The Examiner contends that the species identified are independent or distinct. In order to be fully responsive, Applicants hereby elect Species B (Figs. 2 and 4) and submit that claims 1-52 and 66-163 are readable on the elected species. Each of claims 1-52 and 66-163 recites a bone plate having at least one hole as shown in Figs. 2 and 4. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue the invention of the nonelected group, as originally claimed, in a divisional application.


An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

A separate Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and a separate Request for Corrected Filing Receipt are submitted herewith. Should any additional fees be required, please charge such fees to Jones Day deposit account no. 50-3013.

Applicant requests that the Examiner call Thomas P. Scully at (212) 326-3491 if any questions or issues remain.

Respectfully submitted,

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